

two retaining mechanisms for supporting a pair of lenses, and defining a frontal plane,

a bridge connecting the two retaining mechanisms and holding the two retaining mechanisms together, and

a first magnetic member at the bridge for magnetically coupling to another magnetic member at the bridge of a second frame;

such that when coupled,

the two frames are attached together, [and]

due to the locations of the magnetic members, one of the frames is restricted from moving downwards relative to the other frame, and

the two magnetic members are coupled at a surface that is not parallel to the frontal phase.

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18. (Twice Amended) An eyeglass device comprising:

a bridge connecting two retaining mechanism and holding them together, with the two mechanisms supporting a pair of lenses of a first frame; and

a magnetic member at the bridge for magnetically coupling to another magnetic member at the bridge of a second frame;

such that:

the two retaining mechanisms defines a frontal plane; and

when coupled,

the two frames are attached together, [and]

due to the location of the magnetic members, one of the frames is restricted from moving downwards relative to the other frame, and

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to the frontal phase.

the the two magnetic members are coupled at a surface that is not parallel

26. (Once Amended) An eyeglass device comprising:

an auxiliary frame including

two retaining mechanisms for supporting a pair of lenses, and defining a frontal plane,

a bridge connecting the two retaining mechanisms and holding them together, and

a magnetic member at the bridge; and

a primary frame including

two retaining mechanisms for supporting a pair of lenses,

a bridge connecting the two retaining mechanisms and holding them together, and

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a magnetic member at the bridge for magnetically coupling to the magnetic member at the bridge of the auxiliary frame;

such that when coupled,

the two frames are attached together, [and]

due to the location of the magnetic members, the auxiliary frame is restricted from moving downwards relative to the primary frame; and

the two magnetic members are coupled at a surface that is not parallel to the frontal phase.

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~~33~~. (Once Amended) An eyeglass device comprising:

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a primary frame including

two retaining mechanisms for supporting a pair of lenses, and defining a frontal plane,

a bridge connecting the two retaining mechanisms, and holding them together, and  
a first magnetic member at the bridge for magnetically coupling to a second magnetic member at the bridge of an auxiliary frame;

such that when coupled,

the two frames are attached together, [and]

due to the location of the magnetic members, the auxiliary frame is restricted from moving downwards relative to the primary frame; and

the two magnetic members are coupled at a surface that is not parallel to the frontal phase.

#### Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office action mailed March 16, 1999. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-20, 22, 26-30, 33-37 and 40-47 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,737,054 (the "054 Patent").

Applicants appreciate the suggestion given by the Examiner in the Office Action. In this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 18, 26 and 33 for clarification purposes; and filed a terminal disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Although it is Applicants' position that a number of the claims are not obvious over the '054 Patent, for the sake of expediting the prosecution of the application, Applicants have filed the attached terminal disclaimer. In view of the attached assignments, the double patenting rejection has been overcome, and reconsideration of Claims 1-3, 5, 8-20, 22, 26-30, 33-37, 40, and 41-47 is requested.

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